Import of coal

1483. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have permitted Government of Tamil Nadu to import coal for Mettur thermal power station; and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of coal permitted to the imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Small scale hydro-electric plants

1484. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to instal small scale hydro-electric plants of 1.5 MW for generation of additional power; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Thirty-four such hydro-electric schemes, with an aggregate capacity of 83 MW, are currently being executed under the State Plans.

Progress of on-going power projects

1485. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 22 out of the 28 on-going power projects in the country are behind schedule and all except two have cost over-run; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the revised time and cost schedules in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Members are referring to the Central Sector projects. Out of the 28 on-going Central Sector power projects costing over Rs. 20 crores, there have been time over-runs in 21 projects and cost over-runs in 24 projects.

(b) Information is given in the attached Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 62]

Production and Import of Drugs

1486. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drugs being produced in the country and are being imported as well;

(b) what is the projected demand of each drug under Seventh Five Year Plan target;

(c) what is the licensed and installed capacity of each drug and what was the total production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what was the import of each drug during the same period;

(e) what is the indigenous fixed price of each and what was the average CIF price of each drug in 1986;

(f) whether Government are proposing to recommend an increase in custom duty of drugs being imported to match the indigenous price; and

(g) if so, by when such proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a), (d) and (e) This Ministry monitors the production of 87 essential and life saving drugs. Some of them are also being imported.